

November 7, 2005
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

D.C. Swaim- Chairman
Brady Wooten- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
Allen Sneed- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham- Attorney

Chairman Swaim called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham led the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Wooten called for point of order. He commented that at the last meeting the time and subject guidelines for public comments were not followed. Commissioner Wooten stated there needs to be fairness to all groups. He asked the Board if they were going to follow the guidelines or not?

Chairman Swaim stated he tries to be generous with all speakers. He suggested that if a Board member wants to call time on a speaker, then they may do so. If a Board member has a concern with a speaker, it should be brought to the Chairman's attention.

Commissioner Phillips commented the Board should allow some flexibility.

Commissioner Wooten asked if the Board thought it was appropriate to poll the audience whether it is for or against an issue.

Commissioner Phillip stated she polled the audience during her time of commissioner comments time and yes, if a commissioner wants to poll the audience then they should be allowed to do so.

Commissioner Wooten read a statement that was in the paper regarding the recent closed session. He questioned why have closed session if someone is going to tell what was said. Commissioner Wooten asked each Commissioner if they were the one who told the paper. Commissioners Casstevens and Sneed, Mr. Wood and Chairman Swaim stated no.

Commissioner Phillips stated she spoke to the paper after talking with Wayne Dixon who told her that Commissioner Sneed discussed the issue with him, therefore she thought it must be public record.

Dianne Doub, East Bend, asked Commissioner Phillips what amount of tax dollars does she consider non-petty. She commented on questioning the audience for support and non-support of issues. She stated the Chairman shows favoritism towards certain groups.

Veta Hemric, Hamptonville, informed the Board that she is opening a bed and breakfast and is seeking grant funds to assist her. She discussed the issue of selling wine only in the Town of Yadkinville; why not county-wide? She discussed pigweed. She commented this is an agriculture county. She discussed Meadowview Drive. She also discussed the beautification of the western end of the county.

Yancy St. John, Swan Creek, stated that its time Yadkin County enforced the ordinances; junkyards, abandoned buildings and overgrown lots. We need to work on the beautification of the county.

Victor Seiders, Yadkinville, discussed the POW/MIA flag at the park. The flag is faded and he feels there is no need for the flag and requests the Board have the flag removed.

Peggy Boose, Boonville, stated she is not against the \$6 millions for the schools but is opposed to the additional \$900,000. She also commented that everyone should be able to express their opinions whether they agree or disagree. She challenged the Board to be fair to all citizens.

Ricky McCollum, retired teacher/coach, commended the Board for their efforts. He stated he has been attending meetings for the past six months. He compared the actions of the Board to 7th grade classes he had taught. He challenged the Board to keep to the facts and stop the bickering and slanderous remarks. The Board cannot operate in the best interest of the county if it continues to act this way. The Board should work together and do what is best for the county; resolve conflicts and make Yadkin County a great place. He challenged the Board to take Yadkin County to the next level.

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***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to approve the minutes with changes. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Audit- presentation

Edna Shore, partner with DPG, presented the Audit for 2005. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with the county. She commended the employees for their assistance. Ms. Shore reviewed the audit; fund balance increased after a three year decrease, revenues increased and expenses also increased. She reviewed the findings and discussed project ordinances.

Commissioner Phillips asked Ms. Shore if she had any recommendations for the Board regarding changes for the budget? Commissioner Phillips inquired about the \$1.2 million.

Ms. Shore explained the \$1.2 million. She stated that per General Statutes the county is to include in the budget reasonable revenues expected to be collected during the budget year. The \$1.2 million had no material effect on the budget; it would have had to be an intentional mistake and expenses were reduced to cover shortfalls. She suggested that two people work on this; the tax collector, finance officer and/or county manager, this would allow one to do the transaction and the other to check it.

Commissioner Wooten thanked Ms. Shore for spending time with him reviewing the audit.

Economic Development

Bobby Todd, Economic Development Director, reported on the recent Grape Festival. He stated project activity remains strong. He informed the Board that East Coast Wings, a restaurant chain, will be building a distribution and test kitchen in Yadkinville. The Economic Council has worked out an incentive package for East Coast Wings; \$7,500 to help with infrastructure. The facility will cost \$300,000 providing six new jobs. The breakdown of the incentive would be \$5,000 from the county and \$2,500 from the Town of Yadkinville.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the incentive package and move forward with the project. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Health Department- board appointments and budget amendment

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to appoint Nancy Foster to the Board of Health. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner Wooten asked the budget amendments be tabled until later in the meeting.

The Board discussed the wait time for septic tank inspections.

Mr. Reavis requested the Board increase the salary of the Family Nurse Practitioner. The workload has increased and we have only the one FNP. He had a State Consultant come and review the flow of services for the Health Department. He informed the Board he would be asking for an additional FNP position in next year's budget.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the increase in salary for the FNP. Commissioner Phillips seconded.**

Commissioner Sneed stated her salary would be \$52,000. Will this not mean new money in next year's budget?

Commissioner Casstevens asked about the other employees; what about increases for them.

Commissioner Phillips stated this is not against the other employees, but this is a much needed position. She stated hiring a doctor would cost the county twice as much.

The Board voted 3-2. Commissioners Casstevens and Sneed opposed.

Tax Administration- personnel

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to replace the part-time position in the tax office using the remaining money already budgeted. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Chairman Swaim called for a break.

Health Department-budget amendment

SUMMARY:

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Nursing/Medical				
Expense				
Salary	105511151010	97,842	(37,264)	60,578
Social Security	105511151300	6,079	(2,311)	3,768
Medicare	105511151310	1,422	(540)	882
Retirement	105511151330	5,871	(1,826)	4,045
Insurance	105511151350	9,010	(4,775)	4,235

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Carolina Access II				
Expense				
Salary	10551511351010	-0-	37,264	37,264
Social Security	105511351300	-0-	2,311	2,311
Medicare	105511351310	-0-	540	540
Retirement	105511351330	-0-	1,826	1,826
Insurance	105511351350	-0-	4,775	4,775

Moving Carolina Access II Medicaid monies out of the Nursing and Medical Program into a separate program to better reflect program expenses.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Revenue				
*Approp. Fund Balance Wolfe Mini Grant	1044400049000	450,304	(2,592)	447,7120
Expense				
Wolfe Grant Supplies	105515752010	-0-	2,000	2,000
Wolfe Grant Travel	105515754010	-0-	592	592

*Carryover funds from Wolfe Mini Grant unexpended at end of FY 04-05.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Revenue				
*Approp. Fund Balance Komen Grant	1044400049000	447,712	(4,947)	442,765
Expense				
Komen Contract Services	105515151702	-0-	3,237	3,237
Komen Supplies	105515152054	-0-	1,710	1,710

*Carryover funds from Susan Komen Grant unexpended at tend of FY 04-05.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Revenue				
*Approp. Fund Balance MOD Grant	104400049000	442,765	(3,054)	439,711
Expense				
MOD Contract Services	105515851700	-0-	3,054	3,054

*Carryover funds from March of Dimes Grant unexpended at end of FY 04-05.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Revenue				
*Approp. Fund Balance – Pink Ribbon	104400049000	439,431	(185)	439,246
Expense				
BCCCP-Contract Services	105515151700	11,335	185	11,520

*Carryover funds from Pink Ribbon of Hope Grant unexpended at end of FY 04-05.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Expense				
Nursing Medical				
AIDS Supplies	105511152051	500	(350)	150
AIDS Capital Outlay	New line item	-0-	350	350

Transferring \$ 350 of state AIDS funds from supplies to Capital Outlay to purchase printer needed to print labels for HIV testing.

RECOMMENDATION: Board of Health recommends approval by the Board of Commissioners.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Services and Development- budget amendment

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to table the amendment. Commissioner Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Elections-budget amendment

It was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Wood to check the figures and bring the amendments back to the next meeting.

Sheriff-budget amendment

Dept: LEO – Separation Allowance

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
LEO-Separation Allow.	1054321-51120	13,752.00	8,530.00	22,282.00
Social Security	1054321-51300	854.00	529.00	1,383.00
Medicare	1054321-51310	201.00	124.00	325.00

To adjust LEO Separation Allowance budget to reflect the retirement of Major Raymond Swaim.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Sneed seconded.**

Mr. Wood explained LEO separation.

The Board voted 5-0.

DOT-road petition-Covewood Drive

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the road petition for Covewood Drive. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Schools-loan

Mr. Wood updated the Board on the loan process. He informed the Board that the Agency Agreement states that Forbush High will be used as collateral for the loan. The county will lease Forbush High School back to the Board of Education. Mr. Wood requested the Board allow the signing of the proper documents.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to proceed with signing the proper documents. Commissioner Casstevens seconded.**

Commissioner Wooten asked if any other schools have been used for collateral.

Attorney Graham stated East Bend, Starmount and Yadkinville were used as collateral for QZAB.

The Board voted 5-0.

Water-update

Mr. Wood stated he met with Rural Development and discussed what the county would need to apply for waterlines to the I-77/Hwy 21 and I-77/Hwy 421 intersections. Rural Development has limited funds. The Board would need to establish a service district and the district would have to vote on a GO Bond. Mr. Wood asked if the Board wished to proceed with the service district.

The Board discussed the loan and setting up a service district.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to get construction and engineering costs to install waterlines at I-77/Hwy 421 and I-77/Hwy 21, using the best route for water supply whether it is from Yadkinville or Jonesville, based on the construction prices. The County will pay for the lines using money from the \$1 million dollar loan, taking \$2 million from capital reserve and \$500,000 from the general fund. The County is to get a contract with Yadkinville or Jonesville for water supply. It will be Mr. Wood's decision to use Arcadis. The county is to establish a service district, but establishing the district is not to interfere with proceeding with the waterlines. Mr. Wood is to bring back a contract for water supply for the Board's approval. Commissioner Sneed seconded.**

Commissioner Phillips asked Commissioner Wooten if he would be interested in borrowing more than the one million because the application was for more than the one million.

Commissioner Wooten stated he would like to see figures on the loan; interest and payments.

The Board discussed the timeframe to get the waterlines in the ground.

Commissioner Phillips suggested allowing the engineer to decide if we go with Yadkinville or Jonesville.

The Board voted 5-0.

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Sneed stated EMS personnel, who were at the Old Hwy 421 base station, have moved to Forbush Fire Department during the day and at night at the old jail while the new base station is being constructed.

Commissioner Sneed discussed the Grand Jury Report and the bullpens.

Mr. Wood stated he received some estimates but they came in very high (\$18,000-\$20,000). He is working on other options.

Commissioner Sneed discussed the issue at the old landfill and the visibility around the curve.

Mr. Wood has contacted DOT and he will meet with an official tomorrow.

Commissioner Casstevens asked if all departments used numbered receipts?

Commissioner Casstevens discussed the numbers on the monthly financial report.

Mr. Wood reviewed the numbers.

Commissioner Wooten stated he would like to add a non-competing clause for vendors to the personnel policy, if Mr. Graham approves. He also inquired if the other changes had been made to the personnel policy.

Commissioner Wooten suggested Mr. Wood review the vouchers for the Commissioners before being submitted for pay.

Commissioner Wooten asked about the trees at the animal shelter.

Mr. Wood stated the county received authorization to remove them.

Commissioner Wooten inquired about the status for the proposed EMS property.

Mr. Wood stated they are moving forward.

Commissioner Wooten asked if the animal shelter was completed?

Mr. Wood stated yes.

Commissioner Wooten stated he still has a communication issue he would like to discuss individually with the Board.

Commissioner Wooten discussed the audit and the management letter; Medicaid/Medicare reimbursements, capital equipment values increasing to \$5,000, and the \$1.2 million. Commissioner Wooten asked about other adjustments and why they were not presented at budget time.

The Board discussed capital project ordinances and findings by the auditor.

Mr. Wood stated several of the findings resulted due to a lack of personnel in the finance.

Commissioner Wooten asked if the findings could be fixed in the next twelve months?

Mr. Wood stated it would require a lot of work but he would give directions to the employees.

Commissioner Phillips stated we should work together on the recommendations. She would like the Board to review the audit and discuss it more in depth at a later date.

Commissioner Phillips inquired about a stoplight at Speer Bridge Road/Hwy 421 and Falcon Road/Hwy 421. Students from Forbush High School heavily use these areas traveling to and from school.

Mr. Wood stated he could contact DOT.

Commissioner Phillips discussed the facilities at the park. They are not handicap accessible. She suggested working with the Town and upgrade the park's facilities.

Commissioner Phillips expressed her disappointment with Mick Staton. She feels he does not know the needs of the county.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to discontinue the contract with Capitol Links. Commissioner Wooten seconded. Motion and second withdrawn.**

Commissioner Sneed stated he thought the Board was going to wait until December.

Commissioner Phillips discussed the resignations from the IT Director and the Planning Supervisor. These positions will be difficult to fill. She mentioned to the Board that Larry Adams is interested in the planning position and he does have the experience. She stated that Mr. Wood needs to feel secure about filling the positions. She stated Mr. Adams was riffed and would be eligible for rehire. She suggested adding an extra person with a four year degree in finance. ***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to allow Mr. Wood to fill the Planning Supervisor and IT Director positions. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Chairman Swaim discussed the POW/MIA flag. He suggested Mr. Knight, Veteran Service Director, address the issue.

Commissioner Casstevens asked if Mr. Wood would have to bring his recommendations for the positions back to the Board?

The Board responded no.

Commissioner Casstevens inquired if Arcadis was paid twice for the same work?

Manager comments

Mr. Wood updated the Board on the changes made in the Land Records department. Ms. Rachel Boone, E-911 Coordinator, moved to the Land Records Department. She and Mr.

Bridgers will be assisting each other. There will not be a need to hire the second person for Land Records.

Mr. Wood discussed the capital project ordinance for the animal shelter and requested the Board allow him to make the changes per the auditor. Mr. Wood informed the Board a bill from the surveyor for the shelter was not paid, he would like permission to pay the bill.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to amend the ordinance. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Casstevens opposed.**

Attorney Graham handed out monthly tax collection reports.

Chairman Swaim reminded the Board of the Veteran Day Services at the county park on November 11th at 11:00, also a service will be held at North Oak Ridge Church honoring the Veterans on November 12th.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board